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Alert: Haiti Approves Ratification of the Hague Adoption Convention

Haiti's adoption authority, l'Institut du Bien-Etre Sociale et de Recherches (IBESR), confirmed that the Haitian Parliament approved ratification of the Hague Adoption Convention on June 11, 2012, although it is our understanding that Haiti has not yet deposited its instrument of ratification to the Convention. The Convention will enter into force for Haiti three months after Haiti deposits its instrument of ratification with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince continues to seek clarification on Haiti's timeline for ratification and implementation of procedures for processing Convention adoptions and transition cases. The United States Government continues to encourage the Government of Haiti to prepare fully for implementation of the Convention before depositing its instruments of ratification, so that the adoption program in Haiti can continue as Haiti prepares to become a member of the Convention.

If you have questions about the status of your adoption case, please work closely with your adoption agency or facilitator. Please refer to our website at [adoption.state.gov](#) or to [USCIS' website](#) for updates on the status of the U.S. adoption program from Haiti and on Haiti's ratification and implementation of the Hague Adoption Convention.